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## **Squires Announces Retirement from ICC**

Commissioner Mary Frances Squires announced today that she will retire from the Illinois Commerce Commission at the end of June.

During Commissioner Squires' tenure at the Commission she served as chairman of the ICC's Water Policy and Transportation Policy committees. She was a strong advocate of competition in the telecommunications, electric and natural gas markets and directed her votes in support of key Commission decisions that advanced those goals.

A Springfield native, Commissioner Squires worked for many years in public service in state and local government. She served as assistant to the House majority leader from 1969 to 1983, managed personnel and labor relations at the IL Dept of Public Health and was the director of Legislative & Governmental Affairs at the Commerce Commission. She served as a member of the Sangamon County Board from 1984 to 2000, and as the board's chairman from 1995 until her appointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Squires was appointed to the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor George H. Ryan in March 2000 for a five year term extending through January, 2005. She has decided to leave the bench to join her husband, Don, who retired recently.

Commission Chairman Ed Hurley stated that it has been a great pleasure to serve with Commissioner Squires during the past five years. "When she arrived in 2000, I knew immediately that she brought a fresh look and basic sense of fairness to our deliberations. We will miss her thoughtful reflections and careful approach to the tough issues we faced together," Hurley said.

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